

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<i>In re</i> application of: Adams et al. Appl. No.: 10/717,246 Filed: November 18, 2003 For: Method for preparing surface-modified semiconductive and metallic nanoparticles having enhanced dispersibility in aqueous media	Group Art Unit: 1762 Examiner: Elena Tsoy Atty. Docket: IVGN 762.2 DIV Confirmation No.: 7752 Customer No.: 23358
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 17, 2007 and is being submitted on or before the two-month extended period for response of June 18, 2007. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and include the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2). A Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith.

In the event that additional fees or extensions are required, Applicants hereby petition for the necessary extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and authorize the Commissioner to charge any fee or credit any overpayment associated with this or any other filing to Deposit Account No. **13-3900**. This is not an authorization to pay the issue fee.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the Office Action in view of the following:

**Amendment to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.